

ALTERNATE ONE SAMPLING WORKSHEET

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations require that National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) sponsors that collect and approve free and reduced-price meal applications must conduct verification by **November 15** of each year to confirm students' eligibility for free and reduced-price school meals. For procedures on conducting verification, refer to the USDA's [*Eligibility Manual for School Meals*](#).

The school food authority **must** complete this worksheet or an equivalent form, and maintain on file for audit purposes.

REQUIRED SAMPLE SIZE

Number of newly approved applications on file on **October 1**
(excluding direct certification letters, homeless/runaway determinations):

_____ multiply by .03 = _____ or 3,000 applications, whichever is less

Round all decimals upward. For example, if you had 340 newly approved applications on file on October 1, and you chose to verify 3 percent, this would equal 10.2 applications, which you would round up to 11 applications:

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Randomly select the required number of applications.

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